

New Spring Goods.

Miss Stearns and Mrs. Willey have returned from Boston with all the latest styles in

Sell Goods, Belts, Neckwear, House Dresses, Pins, New Styled Ribbons in Plaids and Stripes; also a large assortment in Stamped Goods, and other articles too numerous to mention.

GIVE US A CALL.

L. M. STEARNS,

BETHEL,

MAINE.

WEST BETHEL.

The Local Happenings as Told by Our Special Reporter.

Best known to having steps from Maine to the states for F. L. Edwards of Bethel.

Dr. Geo. J. Capill took the early morning train for Portland, where he remained for Dr. M. T. Telle, who has been in the city of Portland.

Mrs. Capill attended town meeting Monday, returning on the 1st train.

Mrs. Annie Capill and children returned from Augusta, Friday afternoon where she spent a week with her mother.

Mr. Addison Hens, who has been very ill, is able to be dressed and out of bed.

April 12 is the birthday of Mr. and Mrs. Hens, to be celebrated at their home.

Mrs. Hens is now seventy-six. They would like a good and better.

Mrs. Edwin Karsung, who has been visiting Mrs. Hens in Bethel in her sister, Mrs. Fanny Hens.

Mrs. Hens went to her home in Waterville, last Monday to attend town meeting.

Gay Randall of Bethel spent a few days in town visiting Francis Mills.

Mrs. J. J. Hens visited at Will Hens' home, last week.

Mrs. Hens visited Mrs. Grace Hens, last week.

The Hens family are invited to spend the evening with the Hens family. They go in a large team.

Mr. Hens, Mrs. Hens and the Hens family, visited Augusta, recently, in business connected with the Hens family.

Mrs. Hens, who has been ill of the grip, is improving.

Mrs. Hens has about one hundred cords of wood cut in the woods. She will be cutting every day.

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COLUMBIAN CLUB.

The next meeting of the Columbian will be held at the home of Mrs. Nellie Cortis, on Friday afternoon, Mar. 24th, at 3 o'clock. This is to be an "open meeting" and members are requested to bring paper and pencil, instead of the usual quotations. Each member is expected to give a "free and frank" recipe for something to eat. Needless to add that our topic is to be Demosthenes and every member is not only invited but requested to contribute something for the good and interest of the whole.

HANOVER.

A six o'clock supper was held at Union Hall, Wednesday, March 8th, for the benefit of the library fund. A good crowd was present and some over \$12.00 was netted for the library fund. A short order of dances followed the supper.

Two basket ball games were played at Union Hall, Friday evening, March 10th, between the girls of Bethel and Locke's Mills, and between the Locke's Mills and Hanover boys, which resulted in a victory for the Bethel girls and Hanover boys.

Several members of Oxford Bear Lodge, K. of P., attended the meeting of the Hanover Lodge, Friday evening, March 10th, and worked the rank on Knight on four candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dyer of Oxford, are moving to the new house on the 15th of March, which came to them March 9th, at the home of Mrs. Dyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richardson, of Hanover, where Mrs. Dyer is spending several weeks and where Mr. Dyer is a guest during his spring vacation.

C. M. Richardson returned last week from Chicago, where he has been for the past three months in the interest of the Boston firm, by whom he was formerly employed.

R. H. Hens is moving his family from the hotel to the small cottage home, recently built by R. A. Hens.

Frank Johnson, of Bethel, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Richardson.

Charles Virginia, who has made his home with his stepson, C. M. Richardson, during the past two years, passed away Sunday, March 12th, at the age of 78 years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at one o'clock.

Mrs. J. H. Hens is a little more comfortable at the writing. Lillian Hens is caring for her, and Miss Gladys Hens is doing the housework.

An exhibition and ball will be given in Union Hall by Goodwin's dancing class on Tuesday evening, March 28th. Music will be furnished by O'Brien's orchestra of 5 pieces, of Auburn.

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The annual meeting of Oxford County P. & A. M., will be observed Friday, the 17th, when the Most Excellent Grand Master, James H. Wilbert, will be in attendance and install the officers. There will also be work and refreshments will be served.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Scott Robertson is on the sick list.

Edith Kimball is visiting relatives in Sumner.

Harold Chandler is visiting at his home in Norway.

Robert Blakes spent Sunday at his home in Bethel.

Mrs. Elizabeth Penley is confined to the house by illness.

Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Bradbury of Norway were in Bethel, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Barlett called on Mrs. E. A. Trask, last week.

Ed. Robertson was in Bethel a few days last week.

Miss Ethel Farwell returned to her school in Pittsfield, Saturday.

Howard and Vivian Hotchins visited in Sumner, last week.

Mr. Preeding Tabbetts of Sanford was in Bethel, Monday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stowell, last Friday.

Miss Dora Farrer of Hanover is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Stowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John McPherson visited at Mr. E. A. Trask's, Sunday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Hiram Bean, Thursday afternoon.

Elmer Trask spent a week at home, returning to Richardson's Pond, Tuesday.

Mrs. Betsey Trask visited at Alphonso Bean's, one day last week.

Mrs. Betsey Trask went to Massachussetts, Monday to visit her son.

Mrs. J. W. Nelson went to Pittsfield, Friday, returning Saturday, accompanied by Eleanor Tibbets.

The W. C. T. U. will observe Neal Dow's birthday at the home of Mrs. Hens Andrews, Tuesday, Mar. 21.

Mrs. Benjamin Kimball and Lawrence have returned from a visit with friends at Middle Intervale.

Mr. and Mrs. Helen Cummings and two children returned to their home in Kennebunk, Saturday.

Mr. Henshaw Lewis and son have come out of the woods, having completed their contract.

Temperance Rally Day will be observed next Sunday at the M. E. church with appropriate music.

There will be an initiation at the Odd Fellows, next Friday. All members are requested to be present.

Frank Hens went to Richardson's Pond last week, Tuesday. No play with his father, Eugene Hens, who is sailing there.

Mrs. Martin Stowell is ill of pneumonia at the home of her son, Mr. Elmer Stowell. Her daughter, Mrs. Allen of Portland, is caring for her.

Wm. Lewis was called to his "old man," to attend the funeral of his brother in law, Mr. Will Hens, whose death was caused by escaping gas.

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SHIRT WAISTS.

The Spring showing of Shirt Waists now on display offers many good values at the low prices at which they are marked.

Well made, good materials and stylish designs all help to make the **Thelma Waists** popular sellers,

50 to \$3.50.

In the better waists only one of a pattern, so you may be sure no one else will have one just like yours.

EDWARD KING,

BETHEL,

MAINE.

DIPLOMACY AT HOME.

If Your Wife Asks the Right Question

All is Easy. "Did you read that article in the paper the other day about the age at which a woman is most lovely?" asked Mrs. Dingleham.

Mrs. Dingleham had been out very late the night before, and these were the first words Mrs. Dingleham had spoken to him since she had declared that the explanation which he had attempted to give was wholly inadequate.

"Yes," he replied, "I read it." "What is your idea about it?" "I think," he said very gravely and very earnestly, "that a woman is loveliest when she is just your age."

For a moment all was still in the Dingleham household. Then Mrs. Dingleham put her arms around her husband's neck and said: "Henry, will you please forgive me for what I said last night—or this morning—when you came home? It was foolish of me, but I love you so that I am often unreasonably jealous and suspicious."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Pity the Postman's Bride. A clergyman, noticing the simple appearance of the couple he had just married, decided to give them a few words of advice.

He explained to the young man his duties as a husband and then told the young lady how she should conduct herself, winding up with the old injunction that she must look to her husband for everything and, forsaking father and mother, follow him wherever he went.

The bride appeared very much troubled at this and faltered out: "Must I follow him to every place he goes?" "Yes," said the clergyman, "you must follow him everywhere until death doth you part."

"Goodness!" cried the girl. "I had known that before I would never have married a postman!"—Spare Moments.

At the Prison Club. "Now, who can tell me why a submarine is like a good man?" asked the thin boarder at the breakfast table.

"Cause it can't be shot up, I suppose," suggested a married man. "Not right!" "Because it goes better if it has a mate," came from the newly married man.

"Hope." "Well, give it up!" came the chorus. "Cause you can't keep a good one down all the time!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Hats at Less Than Cost.

We have a case of New SPRING HATS which we are offering at

33 1/3 per cent. discount.

This is a chance to get a NEW HAT CHEAP. COME IN AND SEE THE HATS.

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The Kidney and Bladder.

It is the most powerful medicine for the Kidney and Bladder.

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RUMFORD.

Mrs. Osgood spent Thursday in Lewiston.

Mrs. W. S. Downs has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lyon spent Sunday at Locke's Mills.

Mr. Geo. D. Bisbee is spending the week in Augusta and Paris.

Mr. E. S. Kennard returned Sunday from a short business trip to Portland.

Frank Smith spent Sunday as the guest of relatives in Winthrop.

Mrs. McCratchen spent Thursday in Lewiston, on business.

Mr. Daniel Dekey is confined to his home on account of illness.

Many of the young people around town are regretting that the skating is at an end.

Howard P. Shaw left Saturday morning to spend a few days with his mother in Boston.

Miss Susie Virginia substituted in the National Bank, Saturday, in the absence of Mr. Kennard.

Mrs. Lewis Irish was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elisha Stetson over Sunday, at Dixfield.

Miss Josephine Tribou of Lewiston was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tribou, over Sunday.

The lawyers and deputies left Tuesday for the opening of the March term of Supreme Court held at South Paris.

Mrs. Susan Long is working in the office of O. A. Pettengill while Mr. Pettengill is in Boston and New York. Miss Evelyn Littlefield of Portland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. T. Rowe.

Miss Alma Curtis has again resumed her position as stenographer for Jas. H. Kerr.

Miss Jane McElvaine left Thursday morning for Boston for a brief business trip.

The passersby were somewhat surprised Tuesday morning to see the wagon of Jenkins and Stephens overturned and a general upsetting of milk bottles on Congress St.

Miss Margaret McKenzie entertained a party of young people at her home at Knox St., Tuesday evening. There were twenty-four present, bridge was played and a most enjoyable time spent. Daily refreshments were served after which music was enjoyed by the guests. Miss McKenzie being especially proficient on the piano.

On Friday evening Miss Charlotte French entertained a party of young people. The room was most artistically decorated with colored lights and spiders' webs were running in and around the lights making a most charming effect. Games were played and later refreshments of cake and ice cream served. In the cake were several articles which had a great influence on the fate of the person receiving these. Mr. Houston found the bachelor's button in the piece of cake, Miss Brown the double, Miss Sawyer the ring, Harry Farrell the wish bone. A good deal of fun was had over the distribution of these favors. A most delightful evening was spent by the entire party.

Mrs. E. O. Ames returned the last of the week from a short visit to Buckfield.

The Boy Scouts will meet at the home of H. V. B. Barber on Friday evening.

Mrs. Nadeau was operated on Friday for appendicitis and is still in a critical condition.

Arthur Landry and Jim McMenamin returned Sunday from Boston, where they attended the automobile show.

Mrs. Fred Smith's return d Saturday from Bangor, where she has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Philip Bates, for some weeks.

Geo. Pettengill returned Saturday from Florida, where, with his family he has been spending several months.

Miss Alice Nadeau is expected home from California this week, having left there on account of the illness of her mother.

On Friday evening the Debeah Lodge will receive seventeen new members. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of the members.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howe returned Sunday from a week's visit in Boston, where they attended the automobile show.

Miss Elsie Bartlett left Friday morning for her home in Bethel after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. P. Lyon.

Mrs. Everett Jesselyn of Portland returned to Portland the first of the week after spending a week with her father, Mr. Geo. D. Bisbee.

On Wednesday the 15th the Debeah Lodge held a social in their hall, which was very well attended and was most entertaining.

Mrs. A. L. Davis, who has been sick since Jan. 1st, and has required a nurse for the past few weeks, has gone to Portland for special treatment.

At the Universalist Church, Sunday morning at 10:30, sermon by the pastor, "The Reality of Religion." Sunday School at 11:30. Y. P. C. U. at 6:30. "How to Strengthen our Faith in Christianity." Miss Norma Gates, leader. Evening services at 7:15, topic of address, "Keeping the Faith." Music by chorus; Duet by Mrs. Walker and Mr. Barber. Everybody welcome.

The Starlight Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. L. Cowan at her home on Franklin St., the afternoon will be given over to the study of Thackeray. Mrs. Geo. Brown will be the leader and Mrs. Kennard will read a paper on Henry Lamond. The table talk will consist of "Comparison of Dickens and Thackeray and their reaction upon the social conditions of the times."

Letter Carrier Davis feels quite proud of his thoroughbred Rhode Island Red pullets. He has twelve that are eleven months old and seven that are eight months, these latter began laying in Feb. The flock consisting of these thirteen pullets have laid 155 eggs for the thirteen days in March. Mr. Davis has recently received a fine looking Rhode Island male bird from the State College of Rhode Island. Mr. Davis also has a splendid single Comb "fellow." This cockerel he calls "Vladimir," and he certainly is a "fellow."

I Cannot Drive My Horse Right Enough for the Good it Has Done Me.



MRS. JOHN HOPP.

MRS. JOHN HOPP, Webster Ave., Glendale, L. I., N. Y., writes: "I have been suffering for the past year with many ailments, and I was told to try Peruna. I was very skeptical, but I tried it and found it to be a most effective remedy. I now feel better than I have for a long time. I cannot praise Peruna highly enough for the good it has done me."

"If any women are suffering as I did, I would advise them to try Peruna. I know by my own experience that it is worth the weight in gold to any one who needs it. I also took Manning's for constipation, in connection with Peruna, and I found it helped me where other laxatives failed."

How Well of Catarrh. Miss Malen Jolley, Farmelo, N. Y., writes: "I have been taking your Catarrh, and can say that I am well of the catarrh."

"I thank you for your kindness and your advice."

On Thursday evening of this week Mrs. R. T. Parker entertained the Marchesans Club, at her home at a St. Patrick's party, in honor of Miss Mary Hegarty. The members are to go in costume.

On Monday evening the Marchesans Club met at the Hotel and held its regular meeting. After supper which was indulged in and the hostesses for the next meeting, Mar. 27th, will be Miss Louise Martin and Miss Jane McElvaine. It has been decided by the club to postpone the club dance until Easter Monday.

WEST PARIS.

Mrs. Annie Andrews, wife of Samuel Kates, died of typhoid pneumonia at her home on Pioneer St., Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. A. M. She was the daughter of Rev. Ziba and Thankful Washburn Andrews and was born in Woodstock, seventy-five years ago. Mrs. Kates was twice married. Her first husband was Oscar P. Ellsworth of Woodstock. To them were born four children, three sons, George, of Chicago, Ill., Charles of Georgia and Arthur, of Niagara Falls, and one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Benson of Los Angeles, Cal., and one brother, Rev. John C. Andrews of Utah. Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Kates, who is ill and confined to her bed. The funeral was held from the Methodist church, Rev. Seth Benson officiating, and the interment was at South Woodstock.

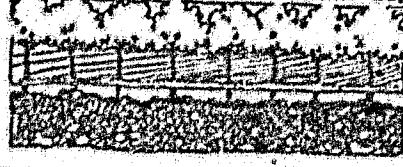
Wallace Mitchell died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Della Brady, at Trap Corner last Thursday, aged about seventy-four years. He was sick only a short time. Besides the daughter above mentioned, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Florence Allrich of Trap Corner and one son, Albert, who resides in New Hampshire. The funeral was held Saturday forenoon from the home of Mrs. L. W. Souther of Grafting, and the interment was at West Paris cemetery.

Rev. Harvey H. Hoyt will preach at the Universalist church, Sunday, March 19. There will be services morning and evening. The service arranged for March 19, is unavailably postponed. More than two hundred people attended the Farmers' Grange, Tuesday, March 7. The pleasant weather and excellent program made the day one of pleasure and profit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates have returned from a delightful trip to the Bermuda Islands.

Not A Word Of Scandal. We heard the call of a neighbor on Mrs. W. H. Thompson of Monville, Wyo., who said: "We told me Mr. King's New Life Pills had cured him of obstinate kidney trouble, and made her feel like a new woman." "Yes, but what remedy for the stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only \$1.00 at Chase, Fernald's, Nathan Reynolds' of Portland; H. J. Reynolds' of Hallowell; C. A. Harrison's of Bethel."

HORTICULTURE.



RAISING GOOSEBERRIES.

They May Be Set in the Fall or Spring and With Proper Attention Will Last About Twelve Years.

Gooseberries are a hardy fruit and do best on a rich, heavy clay soil that is well drained. However, they will flourish in any garden soil. Plant them in rows about five feet apart each way. Train them to a low, trellis form if desired, but probably the bush form is the most satisfactory for the farmer's garden. Gooseberries may be set in the fall or in the spring and probably do best from spring setting. Remove all weak branches or old canes. Fertilize the ground with well rotted stable manure and give shallow cultivation during the summer. No winter protection is needed. Of the American varieties Downing is probably the best, as it is seldom troubled with mildew, the most serious disease with which this fruit has to contend.

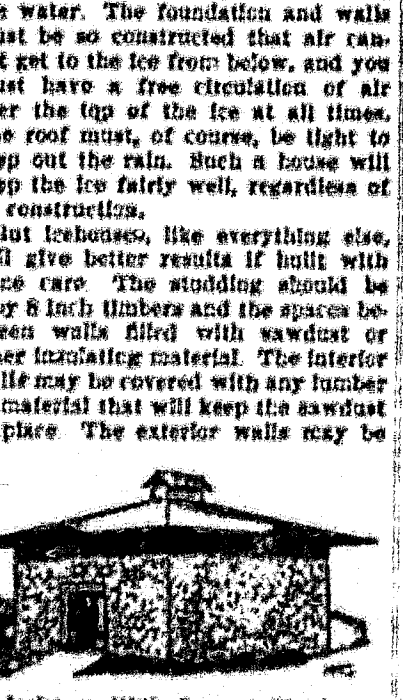
Under ordinary management a plantation of gooseberries will last only six or seven years, but with judicious pruning and attention to enrichment they will produce good crops for ten or twelve years. Young and vigorous wood produces the finest fruit. Therefore all wood over four years old should be cut and the strongest sprouts left to take its place.

Burn all limbs, brush and leaves trimmed off to destroy any fungous germs from infectious disease or eggs and larvae of injurious insects. Spreading the ashes around the bushes for a fertilizer is a good practice. In pruning maintain an open top that air and sunshine may penetrate the brush to prevent mildew, also to facilitate the picking of the fruit.

A FARM ICEHOUSE. A Cement Finish Will Prove Valuable For Retaining Cool Air—Drainage of Great Importance. A house for ice storage must have proper drainage to keep the ice out of the water. The foundation and walls must be so constructed that air cannot get to the ice from below, and you must have a free circulation of air over the top of the ice at all times. The roof must, of course, be light to keep out the rain. Such a house will keep the ice fairly well, regardless of its construction. But icehouses, like everything else, will give better results if built with some care. The building should be 2 by 8 inch timbers and the spaces between walls filled with sawdust or other insulating material. The interior walls may be covered with any lumber or material that will keep the sawdust in place. The exterior walls may be covered with boxing and the cracks caulked, or the exterior may be used, and the roof may be covered with any roofing material that will keep out the rain and snow. To insure proper drainage, excavate the trenches two feet below the foundation and fill the excavation with broken stone. Build the foundation on the stone. A house 10 by 12 or 12 by 14 feet square and 8 to 10 feet in height will be ample for the ordinary family.

Perhaps the best construction for an icehouse is one with a stone foundation, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The stone is placed two courses of Portland cement plaster over wood or metal lath. Native lumber may be used and the stalling covered with the stone finish. The end and gravel is cement work are exactly fitted on the frame or close at hand, which makes the cement work cheaper than wood. This house has a composition roof and a ventilator built of boards 1 by 2 feet square. The space between the rafters are left open for ventilation, and the walls are plastered down to grade line. The dirt should be so graded that all water will drain away from the house.

Watch the Orchard. Those who expect their fruit to be an certain and that the orchard is well protected do not give an estimate of the work given their trees. It may be that their orchards do not get much attention, while, of course, expecting why they are not so stable.



Icehouse With Cement Finish.

United States Depository FOR Postal Savings Funds.

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We gladly refer you to any person who banks with us. Capital, \$100,000.00. Surplus, \$150,000.00

STANLEY BISBEE Hardware and Builders' Material.

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DOORS, WINDOWS AND HOUSE FINISH, HARD WOOD FLOORING, N. C. PINE SHEATHING. RUBBEROID ROOFING.

Mill work to order.

RUMFORD, ME.

first spring item. "Last Sunday morning" when the family was "fixin'" to go to church to hear the new preacher the young 'un kept up such a squallin' an' a-bawlin' that it looked like the whole family would have to stay home. But Miss Sally, the oldest gal, went out into the nearby woods an' hit a six foot rattlesnake an' cut off his rattles, an' they so amused the young 'un that he came quiet an' had a rattlesnake good time all to himself, an' the family went on to church."—Atlanta Constitution

All the Way Round. TO MARIE. "The four and twenty thousand miles Around the globe, Marie, My wish my arms around your waist And you are on my knee For you're the world to me."—New York Times

A Sign. "Her husband is either afraid of her or very much in love with her." "Why so?" "When they go out together he never thinks of standing out on the rear platform of the car to flash his cigar."—Detroit Free Press

Knew Him. Pat (in the water)-Mother, Mother! Throw me a rope! Quick! Like (on the dock)-Come up and pick me out yourself. You're so contrary you'd say Oh! throw ye the wrong one in anyway.—Sunday Magazine

A Proof of It. "Maud says she would die for Harold." "Ah! That accounts for her being a blond this season."—Baltimore American

All Broken Up. Author: Why did you draw my portrait with a piece of coast plaster on my cheek? Artist: Why, in the last chapter you face left, didn't it?



The Probable Reason. The artist went out for a walk and met the artist's wife. "What's the matter with you?" "I'm just a little bit out of my head."

the worst liver. "Is our new congressman honest?" "Well, I should say! Did you ever see a photograph of him?" "Why, no. But I've seen caricatures of him." "Oh, they flatter him. You should see one of his photographs."—Catholic Standard and Times

The Warrior's Experience. "Colonel," asked the beautiful young widow, "have you ever actually added the smoke of battle?" "No," replied the gallant member of the governor's staff, "but I have carried the powder of many a conflict on my shoulder."—Chicago Record-Herald

Shakespeare. "A horse—a horse! Me blunder for a horse!" screamed Richard III., rattling the bit of his tin sword in order to add to the racket. "Machine broke down again!" he quired a gallery and maliciously—Cleveland Leader



Miss Forty—I don't see why the men call us the "weaker sex." I'm sure they seem to be the ones that are afraid to marry.

Immense From Marney. Mistress-Brigade, it always seems to me that the crinoline mistress gets the best looks. "Crinoline! Ah, go on with you Marney!"—Philadelphia Inquirer

Not a Patriot. His: Would you be willing to fight for your country if necessary? His: Not me. I gained two weeks in the country last summer.—Chicago News

ESSEX HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS

What Essex Fertilizers Did On An Old Field

"If my word had any weight, I could give the Essex Company what I consider a good testimony. It must take two years. The first year I used but an average amount of the Potato Root and Vegetable Fertilizer, and got well paid in the crop of potatoes of that season. Then in the spring I got some seed corn of a neighbor, and planted it upon this piece after dressing the land lightly or about the same as the same neighbor dressed his corn land. About the time my corn was in silk, this neighbor wanted to see my corn, and when he saw it, he declared it was never his corn seed for he said it never grew so rank. Now this land had not been tilled for a big story nor even a big crop, but was an old field just barely mowing over."

J. F. BRIDGES,

South Parsonsfield, Maine.

Essex Fertilizers do more than can be said for any other fertilizer. Write today for our book of Fertilizer Information.

ESSEX FERTILIZER COMPANY, 39 North Market Street, BOSTON.

THE METROPOLITAN CASUALTY

INS. CO. OF N. Y.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Stocks and Bonds,	\$631,817.53
Cash in Office and Bank,	119,970.32
Agents' Balances,	4,323.13
Interest and Rents,	
Gross Assets,	\$831,267.84
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$20,506.72
Unearned Premiums,	400,264.17
All other Liabilities,	48,983.63
Cash Capital,	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	162,413.32
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$831,267.84

L. H. VEILLEUX, Agent,
Rumford Falls, Me.

3-16-31. G.

OLD COLONY INSURANCE COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$1,289.53
Mortgage Loans,	53,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	710,791.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	23,918.28
Agents' Balances,	83,124.83
Interest and Rents,	3,135.00
All other Assets,	\$200.00
Gross Assets,	\$970,457.63
Deduct Items not admitted,	1,202.12
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$47,898.19
Unearned Premiums,	335,275.20
All other Liabilities,	9,237.32
Cash Capital,	400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$2,400.89
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$970,457.63

W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,
South Paris, Me.

3-16-31. G.

LLOYDS PLATE GLASS INSURANCE COMPANY,

No. 61 and 63 William St., N. Y., N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$265,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	15,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	507,362.38
Cash in Office and Bank,	15,767.80
Agents' Balances,	135,444.73
Interest and Rents,	3,080.64
All other Assets,	4,850.81
Gross Assets,	\$1,007,605.45
Deduct Items not admitted,	88,937.12
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$918,159.33
Unearned Premiums,	\$36,608.71
All other Liabilities,	252,621.19
Cash Capital,	250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	309,700.32
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$918,159.33

3-16-31. G.

MANNING INSURANCE CO., MANNING, OKLAHOMA.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Stocks and Bonds,	\$534,292.84
Cash in Office and Bank,	12,746.85
Agents' Balances,	166,983.52
Bills Receivable,	4,610.83
Interest and Rents,	4,883.39
All other Assets,	10,000.00
Gross Assets,	\$733,917.22
Deduct Items not admitted,	22,171.16
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$701,746.06
Unearned Premiums,	\$112,774.72
All other Liabilities,	\$97,317.14
Cash Capital,	\$250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$66,124.22
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$701,746.06

E. L. LOVEJOY, Agent,
Rumford Falls, Me.

3-16-31. G.

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$3,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	112,519.00
Stocks and Bonds,	4,590,818.63
Cash in Office and Bank,	868,913.17
Agents' Balances,	25,837.17
Interest and Rents,	14,196.83
All other Assets,	14,196.83
Gross Assets,	\$6,613,685.10
Deduct Items not admitted,	577,517.41
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$6,036,167.69
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,007,517.41
All other Liabilities,	\$1,007,517.41
Cash Capital,	\$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$577,517.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$6,613,685.10

3-16-31. G.

NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. CHICAGO, ILL.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Mortgage Loans,	\$141,500.00
Stocks and Bonds,	47,400.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	42,112.00
Agents' Balances,	27,900.00
Interest and Rents,	2,000.00
All other Assets,	2,000.00
Gross Assets,	\$262,912.00
Deduct Items not admitted,	577,517.41
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$6,036,167.69
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,007,517.41
All other Liabilities,	\$1,007,517.41
Cash Capital,	\$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$577,517.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$6,613,685.10

3-16-31. G.

W. J. WHEELER & CO., AGENTS.

South Paris, Me.

3-16-31. F.

WILLIAMSBURG CITY FIRE INS.

CO., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$90,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	302,100.00
Stocks and Bonds,	1,835,350.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	413,200.13
Agents' Balances,	314,673.05
Bills Receivable,	10,143.40
Interest and Rents,	17,736.01
All other Assets,	5,158.78
Gross Assets,	\$2,844,451.37
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$180,412.65
Unearned Premiums,	1,710,604.10
All other Liabilities,	35,838.45
Cash Capital,	250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	667,548.17
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$2,844,451.37

3-16-31. G.

UNITED STATES CASUALTY COMPANY,

141 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$4,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	277,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$121,608.10
Cash in Office and Bank,	118,243.94
Gross Assets,	\$495,851.94
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$3,900.00
Unearned Premiums,	150.10
All other Liabilities,	12,747.46
Cash Capital,	\$200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$261,911.91
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$495,851.94

3-16-31. G.

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY,

700 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Mortgage Loans,	\$528,590.00
Stocks and Bonds,	159,774.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	885,519.77
Agents' Balances,	25,637.28
Interest and Rents,	22,159.38
All other Assets,	63,263.60
Gross Assets,	\$1,655,493.76
Deduct Items not admitted,	6,980.76
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,655,493.76
Unearned Premiums,	\$11,507.57
All other Liabilities,	\$31,801.36
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$282,735.76
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$1,655,493.76

3-16-31. G.

THE STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. OF DETROIT MICH.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$1,020.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$22,003.01
Stocks and Bonds,	\$248,373.05
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$181,236.89
Agents' Balances,	\$25,907.27
Interest and Rents,	\$22,000.00
All other Assets,	\$42,112.00
Gross Assets,	\$440,742.12
Deduct Items not admitted,	\$2,147.85
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$438,594.27
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,007,517.41
All other Liabilities,	\$1,007,517.41
Cash Capital,	\$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,007,517.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$6,613,685.10

3-16-31. G.

JOHN CHADBOURNE, AGENT.

South Paris, Me.

3-16-31. F.

SECURITY INSURANCE CO., NEW

HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$200,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	150,200.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,329,506.07
Cash in Office and Bank,	71,472.43
Agents' Balances,	261,087.06
Bills Receivable,	\$5,550.85
Interest and Rents,	14,192.43
All other Assets,	2,944.79
Gross Assets,	\$3,120,794.53
Deduct Items not admitted,	2,976.63
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$3,117,447.87
Unearned Premiums,	\$178,948.24
All other Liabilities,	\$1,504,407.11
Cash Capital,	\$700,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$59,799.69
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,120,794.53

3-16-31. F.

WALLACE R. TARBOW, AGENT.

Fryeburg, Me.

3-16-31. E.

SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$1,020.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$12,525.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$4,000,447.19
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$130,263.18
Agents' Balances,	\$63,911.51
Interest and Rents,	\$70,452.25
Gross Assets,	\$5,530,222.67
Deduct Items not admitted,	\$70,452.25
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$20,194.54
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,897,707.56
All other Liabilities,	\$40,000.00
Cash Capital,	\$200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$2,593,162.77
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$5,530,222.67

3-16-31. F.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER, N. H.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$121,250.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$137,600.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$4,851,323.36
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$245,280.28
Agents' Balances,	\$323,193.60
Interest and Rents,	\$4,843.46
Gross Assets,	\$5,553,270.70
Deduct Items not admitted,	\$5,553,270.70
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$318,451.36
Unearned Premiums,	\$2,004,493.03
All other Liabilities,	\$51,990.44
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,578,335.87
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$5,553,270.70

3-16-31. Y

DELAWARE INS. CO. OF PHILA.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$200,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$102,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$4,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$1,299,745.76
Agents' Balances,	\$12,813.53
Interest and Rents,	\$41,571.89
All other Assets,	\$20,012.25
Gross Assets,	\$4,123,272.43
Deduct Items not admitted,	\$2,342.42
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$2,342,424.74
Unearned Premiums,	\$1,007,517.41
All other Liabilities,	\$1,007,517.41
Cash Capital,	\$2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,007,517.41
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$6,613,685.10

3-16-31. F

NEW YORK PLATE GLASS INSURANCE CO. NEW YORK.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Stocks and Bonds,	\$1,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances,	\$1,000,000.00
Interest and Rents,	\$1,000,000.00
All other Assets,	\$1,000,000.00
Gross Assets,	\$5,000,000.00
Deduct Items not admitted,	\$5,000,000.00
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$5,000,000.00
Unearned Premiums,	\$5,000,000.00
All other Liabilities,	\$5,000,000.00
Cash Capital,	\$5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$5,000,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$5,000,000.00

3-16-31. F

ALBERT J. STEPHAN, AGENT.

Oxford, Me.

3-16-31. F

BILLS RECEIVABLE,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,	\$5,705,507.65
Deduct Items not admitted,	71,236.29
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,179,940.82
Unearned Premiums,	\$2,108,006.00
All other Liabilities,	\$293,707.24
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,142,818.24
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$5,724,271.36

3-16-31. F.

THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$1,130,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	48,500.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$24,114,001.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$2,823,450.84
Agents' Balances,	\$2,042,261.79
Gross Assets,	\$30,178,913.63
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$1,163,315.74
Unearned Premiums,	\$11,645,873.00
All other Liabilities,	\$33,111.71
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$12,329,013.18
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$30,178,913.63

3-16-31. G.

U. S. BRANCH SUN INSURANCE OFFICE OF LONDON.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1910.

Real Estate,	\$280,037.70
Mortgage Loans,	\$25,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$2,262,331.70
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$31,423.50
Agents' Balances,	\$51,068.48
Interest and Rents,	\$4,257.03
Gross Assets,	\$4,309,718.62
Deduct Items not admitted,	\$6,956.37
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1910.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$4,267,762.65
Unearned Premiums,	\$245,280.28
All other Liabilities,	\$71,623.75
Cash Capital,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,945,653.84
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$4,309,718.62

3-16-31. F.

HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

For All Spring Blood Diseases and Ailments

Possesses medicinal merit Peculiar to itself and has an unequalled record of cures. Take it this spring, in usual liquid form or tablets known as Sarsatabs.

THE DOINGS OF THE MAINE LEGISLATURE.

(Continued from page one.)

Detailed statements of savings bank.

By Representative Williamson of Augusta—A corrupt practice act, limiting objects for which campaign funds may be used, providing for publicity of the funds, and for punishment of guilty parties, including forfeiture of right to hold office for four years.

The special committee to investigate the State's financial condition, in its partial report on financial standing only states unambiguously that the net debt of the State on Jan. 1, was \$2,554,708.12, and that the State expenditures exceeded the revenue in the last two years by \$1,377,332.11. The committee states that "it is imperative that some provision should be made by this legislature for taking care of a large portion of the State's liabilities."

Other recent committee reports are:

New draft of resolve for State school for feeble minded, appropriating \$400,000 a year for two years for maintenance and \$5,000 for a term. The original bill called for \$1,000,000 more for new buildings and water and sewerage.

Act to consolidate boards of trustees of State school for boys and industrial school for girls.

Act to amend State proper law.

Act to require bonds on inland waters to carry lights at night.

To have and fish and game sent to hospitals.

To enforce penalty for trapping or operating hunting camp without being licensed.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1911, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Myron B. Potter of Bethel, ward, first account presented for allowance by Alice B. Potter, guardian.

Herbert W. Cummings late of Bethel, deceased, petition for order to distribute business remaining in his hands presented by Frank Cummings, administrator.

Bertha E. Tyler et al, ward, petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Pannie E. Tyler, administratrix.

Darwin H. Grover late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Amelia J. Grover, the executrix therein named.

Harriet E. Williams late of Denmark, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by J. Bennett Pike, the executor therein named.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

3231.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Lester D. Barker late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

MELISSA C. BARKER, February 21, 1911.

3232.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Joseph W. Dean late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

RICHA A. DEAN, February 21, 1911.

3233.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Cynthia J. Warner late of Greenwood in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

EDWARD P. WARNER, February 21, 1911.

3234.

NOTICE.

Have it Done.

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GAUZY SCARFS.

Are Warm, Though Filmy and Less Burdensome Than Coats.

Chiffon and Lace Regarded as the Best Material For Their Making. Although Tulle and Satin Find Great Favor.

That the utilizing of scarfs is no longer a mere vagary, but an important item of the wardrobe this autumn, is a fact, as they have become a feature in the modish toilet, and their general adoption is conceded far and wide.

Their use came into being through the coolness of the European season this year, and the idea has expanded until numbers are seen daily throughout the cities of the east.

The tourists as well as the ladies in Paris could not forego the donning of the charming summer frocks that had been prepared for the season, so they resorted to gauzy wraps that, though giving a certain degree of extra warmth, were not so burdensome as the coats which would otherwise have been worn.

They are made of tulle, of satin, of soft chiffon, of velvet. Of these they are fashioned with a marked degree of success, even though they did go through nearly the whole gamut of filmy materials—and some stouter ones.

Chiffon is conceded nevertheless to be the most pliable and adaptable, it having suppleness as well as body, and in this material there is a wide variety from which to choose.

The more of these scarfs you have the more you will become a devotee.

CUPID'S COAL TRUCK

By JAMES FRANCIS DWYER. Copyrighted, 1910, by E. C. Parcells.

The car came to an abrupt stop, and the conductor stretched his neck in a reckless manner as he looked for the cause.

"Coal truck on the blink with a broken axle," he cried disgustedly, "and now I got to chase through the snow to phone the 'emergency' man." He walked through the car to acquaint the motorman of his heroic intention and, after buttoning his jacket, set off up the snow covered road in search of a telephone.

The motorman took the opportunity to stretch his legs by walking around the disabled vehicle. When he stepped from the car the two passengers sighed wearily and the man moved closer to his companion.

"Well, I'm glad that conductor has gone," he remarked. "He stared at us all my conscience suggested I had given him a bad cold."

The far wrapped girl beside him laughed merrily.

"It's a habit of conductors," she murmured. "I have noticed them before."

"I will pardon him," said the man. "He is but mortal, and I am pleased to find that his mercenary occupation has not destroyed his love of the beautiful."

The girl smiled indulgently, but remained silent. Meanwhile the motorman had entered into a discussion with the truck driver as to the best method of removing the damaged vehicle.

"Letty!" The man's voice interrupted a day dream and the girl started.

"Do you know I am desperately in love?"

The big blue eyes surveyed him critically.

"No, I do not," she said emphatically. "When a man is in love he can never disguise the fact."

"You are thinking of calf love," he remarked, "the kind that bubbles over and spoils its owner's appetite, but mild, healthy man's love."

"It is all the same," she interrupted; "concealment is impossible. Now, Mr. Dorrington is in love, and a child can detect the symptoms."

"Dorrington?" The man's voice expressed his surprise. "Do you mean old Dorrington?"

The slightest puckering round the corners of the little mouth showed where a smile tried hard to establish a footing.

"When Mr. Dorrington called yesterday," continued the girl, "I watched him closely while he was speaking to mother."

"Pardon me!" The man's tone was masterful, and the girl stopped. "Is Dorrington—old Dorrington—in love with your mother?"

The smile made another valiant effort to disturb the serenity of the girl's face, but retired discomfited.

"I do not think so," she said quietly. "If he is, the feeling is not reciprocated, as mother always leaves me to maintain him when he calls."

The man winced.

"I am anxious about him," he tried to hide the effect produced by her thrust—"Dorothy is not young, you know, and love, like measles, plays the mischief with elderly people."

The hovering smile flashed triumphantly across the girl's blushing face.

"Seriously, Letty," her companion cautioned, "Dorrington is old! I remember him twenty years ago, when he chased me away from a pond near your mother's house. God bless my heart, girl—his tone changed to one expressing stark astonishment—"I am getting old too!"

The girl turned, and the blue eyes looked carefully over the man's brown face, noting the length and depth of every wrinkle that marked it.

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